

**LEMON GROVE [CITY COUNCIL]  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Item No.** 1.E  
**Mtg. Date** April 19, 2016  
**Dept.** Public Works

**Item Title:** Tree Maintenance Services Agreement Amendment

**Staff Contact:** Mike James, Public Works Director

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution (**Attachment B**) approving an agreement amendment (**Attachment B – Exhibit 1**) with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for tree maintenance services in the City of Lemon Grove. ]

**Item Summary:**

On November 4, 2014, the City Council approved an agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) for tree maintenance services in the City of Lemon Grove. The intent of the agreement was to establish a professional services tree maintenance cycle that is appropriate for the size and type of urban forest that exists in the City of Lemon Grove. Since working with WCA, staff has been very satisfied with the response times, quality of work, and professional quality of services that has been received. In December 2015, staff was approached by WCA to discuss a new prevailing wage determination that was issued by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). On August 22, 2015, a new rate was established that is higher than the Landscape Maintenance Laborer classification and therefore will increase the rates that are reflected in the city's tree maintenance agreement. At this time, WCA proposes a 31 percent cost increase to account for the DIRs determination. The requested increase exceeds the consumer price index that is authorized per the existing agreement and therefore requires City Council approval. Staff has met with WCA multiple times to discuss the impacts of the DIRs decision and has concluded that the amendment is necessary to continue to provide tree maintenance services throughout the City.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution (**Attachment B**) approving an agreement amendment (**Attachment B – Exhibit 1**) with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for tree maintenance services in the City of Lemon Grove.

**Fiscal Impact:**

[There is no fiscal impact at this time. However, in light of the recent increase in unit costs, staff anticipates a funding adjustment as part of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget process. ]

**Environmental Review:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to review        | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Section [      ] | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration |

**Public Information:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter article   | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice to property owners within 300 ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice published in local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood meeting |   |

**Attachments:**

A. Resolution]



## Attachment B

### RESOLUTION NO. 2016 -

#### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. FOR TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE

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**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the City established an agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) to provide tree maintenance services throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 22, 2015, the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) increase the minimum hourly wage rates of employment classifications that provide services to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2015, WCA requested a 31 percent increase to its unit prices to adhere to the new DIR requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, staff believes that WCA continues to provide a special and unique services package of special tree maintenance equipment, ISA certified staff, and maintains a professional training standard that continues to manage all tree maintenance service requests in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California hereby:

1. Approves an agreement amendment (**Exhibit 1**) with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for tree maintenance services in the City of Lemon Grove; and
2. Authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute and manage all contractual documents. ]

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# Attachment B – Exhibit 1

## City of Lemon Grove Urban Forestry Management

### WCA, Inc. Prices for FY 2016-2017

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT UNIT PRICES	FY16-17 UNIT PRICES
Tree Pruning (by Grid)	\$ 44.00	\$ 57.60
Tree Pruning (by Service Requests)		
0-6"	\$ 30.00	\$ 39.30
7-12"	\$ 60.00	\$ 78.60
13-18"	\$ 85.00	\$ 111.35
19-24"	\$ 115.00	\$ 150.65
25-30"	\$ 185.00	\$ 242.35
31-36"	\$ 250.00	\$ 327.50
Over 36"	\$ 250.00	\$ 327.50
Crown Raise, Clearance Prune Hardwood tree		
0-6"	\$ 20.00	\$ 26.20
7-12"	\$ 20.00	\$ 26.20
13-18"	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.50
19-24"	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.50
25-30"	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.50
31-36"	\$ 80.00	\$ 104.80
Over 36"	\$ 80.00	\$ 104.80
Tree & stump removal (by the inch)		
0-6"	\$ 17.00	\$ 22.25
7-12"	\$ 17.00	\$ 22.25
13-18"	\$ 17.00	\$ 22.25
19-24"	\$ 17.00	\$ 22.25
25-30"	\$ 17.00	\$ 22.25
31-36"	\$ 27.00	\$ 35.35
Over 36"	\$ 27.00	\$ 35.35
Stump Grinding (per diameter inch)	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.15
Palm Tree Trimming		
Prune Date Palm (Phoenix spp.)	\$ 120.00	\$ 157.20
Clean Trunk on Date Palm (Phoenix spp.) / Linear Foot	\$ 30.00	\$ 39.30
Prune Fan Palm (Washingtonia spp.)	\$ 44.00	\$ 57.60
Clean Trunk on Fan Palm (Washingtonia spp.) / Linear Foot	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.10
Prune all other Palm Species	\$ 44.00	\$ 57.60
Tree Planting		
15-Gallon	\$ 120.00	\$ 157.20
24-inch box	\$ 200.00	\$ 262.00
36-inch box	\$ 500.00	\$ 655.00
48-inch box	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,310.00
60-inch box	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,620.00
Tree Watering (per hour)	\$ 60.00	\$ 78.60
Milling Cost (per board foot)	\$ 7.00	\$ 9.15
Root Pruning (per linear foot)	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.10
Root Barrier Installation (per linear foot)	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.10
General Labor Rates (by hour)		
Hourly rate for 1 Ground-person	\$ 60.00	\$ 78.60
Hourly rate for 1 Equipment Operator	\$ 60.00	\$ 78.60
Hourly rate for 1 Trimmer	\$ 60.00	\$ 78.60
Hourly rate for Municipal Specialist	\$ 60.00	\$ 78.60
Hourly rate for Utility Specialist	\$ 60.00	\$ 78.60
Hourly rate for Line Clearance Certified Trimmers	\$ 60.00	\$ 78.60
Day Rate Service Crew – (per day)	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,886.40
Boom truck per eight (8) hour day to include a Chip body, low decibel chipper, 1 trimmer, 2 ground persons		
Specialty Equipment Day Rate (per day)	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,048.00
Emergency Services – (per hour)		
Fully equipped 3 person crew for emergency service:		
During normal business hours	\$ 180.00	\$ 235.80
After hours, weekends and/or holidays	\$ 210.00	\$ 275.10
Arborist Reports – (per hour)	\$ 100.00	\$ 131.00
GPSTree Inventory (per tree site)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.60

The proposed prices reflect a 31% increase to offset the new prevailing wage determination for Tree Maintenance Laborer.